

Unit 12

Conversation 1

How was your year?

Did you enjoy this year? What are some of the things you did?

CONSIDER THIS

New Year's around the world



Vietnam...

Tet Nguyen Dan is celebrated in January or February; people clean the house.

Scotland...

Hogmanay is celebrated on January 1; people visit friends.

Iran...

Noruz is celebrated on March 21; people buy new clothes.

- How do you celebrate the New Year?

Class CD 2, Track 55

- Yi-lin: So did you have a good year, Andy?
 Andy: Yeah, it was pretty good, thanks. How about you?
 Yi-lin: I had a good year, too.
 Andy: Did you do anything special this year?
 Yi-lin: Well, I took a judo class. That was fun. And you?
 Andy: I went to Canada for a vacation. It was terrific.
 Yi-lin: What was your best experience in Canada?
 Andy: On the ski slopes. I went skiing every day. I really enjoyed it.
 Yi-lin: That's great. And I hope next year is even better.

Student CD, Track 24

GIVE IT A TRY

1. Talking about past experiences (1)

Did you have a good year?	Yes, I did. It was pretty good, thanks. OK.
Did you do anything interesting? go anywhere	Yes, I took a judo class. I went to Canada. No, not really.

PRACTICE 1

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Track 56

Listen to the example. Check (✓) the things you did this year. Then talk with a partner. Use follow-up questions to ask for more information. Reverse roles.

Did you...?	Follow-up questions
1 Go anywhere interesting <input type="checkbox"/>	Where did you go?
2 Take any classes <input type="checkbox"/>	What class did you take?
3 Read any good books <input type="checkbox"/>	What did you read?
4 See any good movies <input type="checkbox"/>	What movies did you see?
5 Buy anything special <input type="checkbox"/>	What was it?
6 Try any new foods <input type="checkbox"/>	How was it?
7 Make any new friends <input type="checkbox"/>	Where did you meet?

Illustrations: A train, a stack of books, a shopping cart, a car wheel, a woman reading, a popcorn bucket, a palm tree with a drink, a suitcase, and a slice of pie.

PRACTICE 2

Work with a different partner. Tell him or her something interesting you learned about your partner in Practice 1.

Example: Kerry went to Canada for vacation. He went skiing every day.

2. Talking about past experiences (2)

Did you do anything special?	Yes. I got a new job.
	No, not really.
What was your <div>best</div> <div>worst</div> experience?	My trip to the US. I went to San Francisco for a week. I had an accident on my bike and broke my arm.

PRACTICE

Class CD 2
Track 57

Fill in the chart with information about yourself. Listen to the example. Then ask and answer questions with a partner.



1	Did you do anything special?	
2	Did you do anything exciting?	
3	Did you do anything dangerous?	
4	What was your best experience?	
5	What was your worst experience?	

LISTEN TO THIS

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Track 58

Part 1 Listen to people talking about things they did this year. Number the things they talk about from 1–6.

Part 2 Listen again. Did they have positive or negative feelings about what they did? Write **+** for positive or **×** for negative.

	Number	Feeling
Went overseas		
Bought something expensive		
Met someone		
Moved to a new house		
Changed schools		
Studied something new		

Part 3 Talk with a partner. Who had the best year? Who had the worst year?

LET'S TALK

Part 1 Did you do any of the things below recently? Check (✓) the things you did.

Part 2 Ask your partner the questions. Ask for more information, and write it in the chart. Reverse roles.

	When was the last time you...?	Follow-up questions
1	read a good book	What did you read?
2	saw a terrific movie	What movie did you see?
3	went to a live concert	Who did you see?
4	went to a great party	Where did you go?
5	went out to dinner	Who with?
6	met someone special	Who did you meet?
7	bought something special	What did you buy?

Part 3 Did you and your partner have anything in common? Report to the class.